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SUBJECT: IDB ANNUAL MEETING: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD PRODUCTION (ICGAD)

1. BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON MAY 21 ADOPTED BY ACCLAMATION
PERUVIAN RESOLUTION QUOTE: TO EXPRESS ITS SATISFACTION ON
THE INITIATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK IN ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF FOOD IN LATIN AMERICA, AND TO INSTRUCT THE BANK ACTIVELY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP AND CONTINUE ITS LEADERSHIP IN THIS FIELD WHICH IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE. END QUOTE

2. DR. JUAN FELIPE YRIART, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, FAO

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WHO HAS BEEN LENT TO IDB FOR PURPOSE OF FORMING ICGAD,

REPORTED TO MAY 20 INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON KISSINGER PROPOSAL AND IBD INITIATIVE, INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS TO DATE, AND PROBABLE EMPHASIS OF THE ICGAD (ALSO DESCRIBED IN IDA DOCUMENT AB-433), 5/20/75. HE FORESEES VERY SMALL STRUCTURE (THREE PROFESSIONALS), AND EXPECTS TO RELY LARGELY ON GOVERNMENTS TO DEFINE NEEDS AND GENERATE SUPPORT. ALSO EXPECTS INTERNATIONAL LENDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO RESOURCE POSSIBILITIES AND EXPERTISE.

3. ASSISTANCE SECRETARY ROGERS' STATEMENT ECHOED SECRETARY SIMON'S ENDORSEMENT OF ICGAD PRESENTED IN HIS ADDRESS EARLIER IN THE DAY AND APPLAUSED DR. YRIART'S PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION. SUPPORT ALSO EXPRESSED BY TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO REPRESENTATIVE, AND BY BRAZIL AND PERU, BOTH OF WHICH SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPOSED MECHANISM. OTHER SUPPORTERS URGED EMPHASIS ON SMALL FARMER CREDIT AND AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVES.

4. DR. YRIART OUTLINED FOLLOWING STEPS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF ICGAD: (A) ORTIZ MENA LETTER RECEIVED BY GOVERNORS, (B) SOLICITATION OF IDB MEMBERS' VIEWS AT THE MAY 20 WORKING GROUP, (C) ANOTHER ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS BY YRIART THIS SUMMER TO FOCUS ON APPROACHES TO GOVERNMENTS AND AGENDAS OF FIRST ICGAD SESSIONS, (D) FIRST PLENARY AT END OF SUMMER WHEN FULL SUPPORT OF AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS ASSURED, AND (E) EVALUATION AFTER 3-5 YEARS TO CONSIDER CONTINUATION CHANGES, OR POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF ICGAD ACTIVITIES.

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